REGISTER OF CLASSIFICATION DECISIONS

Date of entry in Register:	11 February 1998
Name of applicant/court:	Comptroller of Customs
Applicant to the Labelling Body:	Not Applicable
Title of Publication:	Anal Sex 83
Other Known Titles:	Not Stated
Director:	Not Applicable
Producer:	Not Applicable
Publisher:	Color-Climax Corporation
Author:	Not Applicable
Format:	Magazine
Country of Origin:	Denmark
Language:	English, French, German, Spanish

Components of film originally examined: Not Applicable.

Feature: Running time:

Trailers: Running time:

Total Running time:

Excision/Alteration: Not Applicable.

Reason(s) for Excision:

Not Applicable.

Classification Decision:

Objectionable except if the availability of the publication is restricted to persons who have attained the age of 18 years.

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Display Conditions:

That when the publication is on public display, the classification given to the publication must be shown on the publication; or any package in which the publication is kept
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That the publication must be publicly displayed only in a sealed package
and
That where the publication is publicly displayed in a package, the package must be made of opaque material
and
That the publication must be publicly displayed only in premises, or a part of premises, set aside for the public display of restricted publications (whether or not articles other than restricted publications are also displayed in those premises or that part of those premises).

Descriptive Note:

Not Applicable.

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Direction to issue a label has been given on: Not Applicable.

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SUMMARY OF THE REASONS FOR DECISION:

The magazine entitled *Anal Sex 83* is classified as:
Objectionable except if the availability of the publication is restricted to persons who have attained the age of 18 years.

This classification is due to the sustained explicit depiction of sexual activity and the manner in which some of the magazine's participants are dehumanised and degraded.

Anal Sex 83 is a semi-gloss colour magazine which contains four photo-essays, each depicting male and female sexual activity, with a particular emphasis on anal intercourse. Some of the photographs are considered to dehumanise and degrade the participants, particularly the women by having a close focus on the participants' genitals. The effect of these photographs is largely mitigated by the consensual and friendly tone of the magazine. This tone derives from the numerous photographs of the participants' full bodies and faces which present them as whole people and help illustrate their apparent enjoyment and pleasure. Consequently, the dehumanising and degrading elements are not considered to be so strong that they would render the availability of the publication likely to be injurious to the public good, provided that the magazine is restricted to an adult audience.

Consideration has been given to the relevant provisions of the New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990. Given the sustained, explicit sexual content and the purpose for which it has been produced, the restriction on the availability of the magazine resulting from this classification is considered to be reasonable and demonstrably justifiable.

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